

MINUTES
UW Green Bay University Committee

Present:

Dave Dolan
Tim Kaufman
Illene Noppe
Laura Riddle
Brian Sutton (Chair)

2 December 2009
3:00 pm, CL 825

Previous Meeting:
11 November 2009

Guests: Julia Wallace, Provost; Katrina Hrivnak, Assistant Registrar; Megan Loritz, SGA Representative; Tim Meyer, Susan Gallagher-Lepak, John Stoll, and Dean Von Dras, Senate Committee on Planning and Budget

- 1) The minutes of 11 November 2009 were approved with minor changes.
- 2) Information items from the Chancellor's Cabinet regarding Quick Fixes:
 - a) **“Quick fixes” request**—investigate idea of unifying fragmentary UWGB governance structures (faculty, staff, student) in the Faculty Senate context (e.g., should there be one body with representatives from all three groups or a joint meeting?).
 - b) **“Quick fixes” request**—planning a campus-wide community service day/project. The UC discussed this briefly. There was general consensus that this was a good idea but should not be planned on a furlough day.
- 3) Continuing Business
 - a) **Grade-related data and all-University honors**—where do we go from here?
Professor Noppe reported that there was an entire report on Grade Inflation done by Debbie Furlong in 2005. A copy of the report was requested for the UC as well as more recent information relating to gender differences in GPA. Both items should be available in the next couple of weeks.

The UC also discussed the large increase in Summa Cum Laude honors. This increase was partly caused by the removal of the Senior Honors project requirement for the highest honors.
- 4) New Business
 - a) **Proposal that UWGB graduates' transcripts include a listing of the average GPA for all students in that major** (proposed by Peter Breznay).
The proposal by Professor Breznay was distributed to the UC. The proposal was for both mean and median GPA of a student's major to be listed on the transcript. The UC had several issues with this, partly due to the small sample sizes that would result

from many of the majors which do not graduate large numbers in a particular term. This could also lead to FERPA issues. The UC decided to wait for the report on grade inflation to see if measures are actually needed to account for it on transcripts.

b) Name for page on SOFAS web site (request from Cliff Abbott).

The UC discussed this briefly with the SOFAS and came up with the name: Academic Program Governance.

c) Procedures for responding to information items on Faculty Senate agenda (request from Dave Dolan).

Professor Dolan noted the agenda item for the last Faculty Senate meeting (11/18/09) regarding the report of the Academic Affairs Council (Item 7). He was concerned that although the report mentioned him by name, there was no opportunity to respond to the report since the item was for “information only”. Professor Riddle explained that in order to make the results of reviews by the Academic Affairs Council more open, the UC had requested them to be available for information at Faculty Senate meetings. In future, she will ask if there were any comments on these items.

5) Discussion with Provost Wallace (around 3:30 pm)

The Provost first reported that she and Dean Furlong will meet with Professor Noppe regarding the creation of an Honors Program on Monday, December 7th. She then reported on the progress of two Searches: The Associate Provost for Outreach and Adult Access position search is ongoing and two candidates will be interviewed the week of December 7th. The search chair is Kathy Pletcher. Donna Ritch is chairing the search for the Associate Provost and Dean of Students. UW System has approved a higher pay grade for this position. Another search will be commencing soon because the Registrar is retiring. Mike Stearney is putting together a search committee. The Provost-Student Advisory Group will meet once a month for breakfast. In order to increase awareness of on-line programs, the UW Portal for on-line education is being implemented.

6) Discussion with Tim Meyer, Chair, Senate Committee on Planning and Budget

Tim Meyer and three members of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget came to the UC meeting to discuss their role in the planning and budget process. The level of participation for the Committee is an issue. Should they actually contribute to the process or just report back to the Senate on budget matters? If the former, should they be trained to deal with budget details and be given course releases to compensate for the significant time commitment? A source of frustration currently is what budget decisions were made based on what criteria? What was on the table and not funded? There was general consensus with the UC that a faculty presence is needed during the budget process. Dialogue is needed with the new administration. Professor Sutton suggested that he arrange a meeting with the Provost and the Senate Planning and Budget Committee. The UC concurred. The issues should also be brought to the Faculty Senate to provide for adequate faculty involvement. The UC agreed that the Chancellor should be requested to address the budget process when he next attends a Faculty Senate meeting.

7) Meeting with Secretary of Faculty & Academic Staff Abbott to set agenda for Dec. 9 Faculty Senate meeting

The UC agreed with the SOFAS that the December 9th meeting of the Faculty Senate should be cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

8) The Meeting Adjourned after 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Dolan, secretary pro tempore

cc: Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff